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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

This Office Action is in response to the amendments submitted on 5/9/2008, with regards to the Nonfinal Office Action mailed, 4/2/2008. In summary, Claims 3-7 are currently pending and under consideration. This is a Final Office Action since the new rejections are necessitated by the amendments.

Specification

The objection to the title of the invention for not being descriptive is withdrawn based on the amendments.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 7 is a repeat of claim 6. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term "or" should be removed in the last line at the bottom of the first page of the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The rejection of claim 3 for the limitation "-CH=CHO- and -CH=CHN-" is withdrawn based on the amendments.

The rejection of claims 3 and 4 for the limitation "R⁵" in the definition of R⁶ and R⁷ is withdrawn based on the amendments.

The rejection of claim 4 for the limitation "(C₁-C₆)alkyl-NR⁶R⁷" in the definition of R² is withdrawn based on the amendments.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The variables b, m, r and s are indefinite. Said variables are not defined on formula (III).

The rejection of claims 1-4, 6 and 7, under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because of the scope of the claims is withdrawn based on the amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

All the rejections of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dugar et. al. (US 7223766 B2); El-Baih et. al. (Journal of Saudi Chemical Society, 2000, 4(3), 281-290); Piazza et. al. (US 6200980 B1); Pamukca et. al. (US 5948911 A); Walter et. al. (US 6277858 B1); Oota et. al. (JP 08143571 A); Dumaitre et. al. (J. Med. Chem., 1996, 39(8), 1635-1644); Shishoo et. al. (Indian J. Chem., 1989, 28B(12), 1039-47); Sauter et. al. (Monatshefte fuer Chemie, 1976, 107(3), 1193-7); and Reid et. al. (Justus Liebigs Annalen der Chemie, 1968, 713, 143-8); are withdrawn based on the amendments.

REASONS for ALLOWANCE

Claim 5 is free of the art and is enabled.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSANNA MOORE whose telephone number is (571)272-9046. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James Wilson can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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